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Wings Over Topeka: Family Freedom Day a success!

By 2nd Lt. Chris Hill
190th Public Affairs

What does it take for a great time at the 190th? How about an airshow featuring the Canadian Snowbirds, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Army Golden Knights, an open-air concert, fireworks, and about 85,000 people.

The 190th was host to the 2002 Wings Over Topeka: Family

The day began with a Commander's Call in which the unit honored a Kansas Young Hero and concluded with a fireworks show that honored all U.S. service men and women.

Prior to the musical entertainment, the main stage was the focus of an interesting ceremony.

A star sapphire that once belonged to Maj. Daniel Forbes was returned to Mrs. Hazel Forbes Bartron. The stone was in a ring that Maj. Forbes was wearing when his YB-49 plane crashed. Bartron wore a matching ring with the same style of stone.

In addition to returning the found stone to Bartron, family members of the rest of the YB-49 crew were on hand for the ceremony.

Bartron said that she felt it important that all members of the crew should be recognized, not just Forbes.

Following the "Romancing the Stone" ceremony, country music star, Keith Urban took the stage. Sawyer Brown followed and a 20-minute fireworks display concluded the day.

"It was a great day for the 190th," said Col. Mike O'Toole, 190th Air Refueling Wing Commander.



Freedom Day on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002 at Forbes Field.

Unit members and their families, veterans, community members from Topeka and a few from as far as New Orleans came to Forbes Field for a full day of activities.



*Country Music
Artist Keith Urban*

190th Honors World War II heroes

In an emotional ceremony, Col. Mike O'Toole, 190th Air Refueling Wing Commander, presented Frank Raab with his Combat Infantry Badge, second Purple Heart and Bronze Star at the Wings Over Topeka: Family Freedom Day in September, 2002. Raab served in World War II and although submitted for these awards, they were never received. "The 190th was proud to be able to present Mr. Raab with the awards that he earned and deserves," said O'Toole.

O'Toole, also, presented Ivan Donovan with an appreciation plaque from the 190th for his service during World War II. Donovan was a prisoner of war for nearly a year in Europe.

Commander's Comments

"Pride, Loyalty and commitment are the things that make a difference in this country."

I felt it appropriate to begin with a quote by a man that I have much respect and admiration for: Joe Paterno, head football coach at Penn State University. Since we are in the midst of another college football season, the timing could not be any better. No, this is not an article about who has the best college football program in the country, nor the greatest coach of all (I would probably make enemies with all the K-State fans that work at Forbes). Instead, I wish to acknowledge a unit on base that exemplifies the definition of these words...the 190th Security Forces Squadron.

It has been about thirteen months since the horrific acts of 9/11 and the subsequent activation of the 190th Security Forces Squadron and with that I also include all the augmentees that volunteered their support. Throughout the remainder of this article, I include those

individuals when I say Security Forces Squadron.

At Forbes many of the 190th SFS members have posted out, inspected and monitored everything from FPCON Alpha to Delta and every variation in between (augmentee support was and is immeasurable in terms of quality and professionalism).

Let me address those aforementioned words...Pride, Loyalty and Commitment. Through their commitment to our great nation the squadron rose to the challenge of activation for one year and now a second. In regards to loyalty, they serve the 190th and our local community and state in direct and indirect service. By indirect I mean a "peace of mind" sense that civilians gather from seeing men and women in uniform. The 190th Security Forces Squadron did not ask for this and since 9/11 school, careers, and families have been disrupted. The pride displayed by all members of the SFS is awesome to say the least. From the fine trooper on flight to the back office staff, it is a true team effort.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging the fact that we have had our challenges and obstacles to overcome.

However, we have weathered them. I am confident that we will continue to overcome whatever the future brings.

It is my privilege and honor to work and serve alongside each and every one of these individuals. In closing I would like to thank all base organizations that have supported the Security Forces Squadron. Your commitment, loyalty, and pride do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.



Capt. Blaine Clowser
Security Forces
Commander

Family Support Group sponsors fund-raiser

The 190th Family Support Group is selling books — books that can help young adults venture into the world with a sense of confidence.

On My Own: The Ultimate How-To Guide for Young Adults features information crucial to success for anyone living on their own.

On My Own has 640 pages of information written in easy-to-read question-and-answer format. Chapters include the following:

- Moving Out
- Finances
- Career & Skill Guidance
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Dreams & Goals
- Depression & Suicide Prevention

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T-Bird Crew Member is Kansas Native

By Tech Sgt Greg Burnetta

190th Public Affairs

A crew chief for one of the air show's featured air demonstration teams has a local tie to Kansas.

Thunderbird's Staff Sgt. Damon Schweiger was born and raised in a rural area just outside of Osawatomie.

He was here September 28 because his plane, F-16 Thunderbird # 7 flew with the remainder of the Air Force's primo flight demonstration team during our air show.

He is an active duty career oriented member who enlisted in the Air Force eight years ago and has been assigned to this position for the past two years.

He said that being a crew chief for the Thunderbirds is his career high, thus far.

"Being able to say we did an air show in front of a hometown crowd is awesome," he said, referring to several Osawatomie area residents who came to the air show to see the Thunderbirds and him.



Staff Sgt Damon Schweiger in front of his plane, Thunderbird # 7
(photo by TSgt. Greg Burnetta)

ON MY OWN: (Cont from Page 2)

The book and CD-ROM are packaged as a set at a cost of \$34.95. The Family Support Group receives \$10 for each book sold.

Here's what people are saying about *On My Own*:

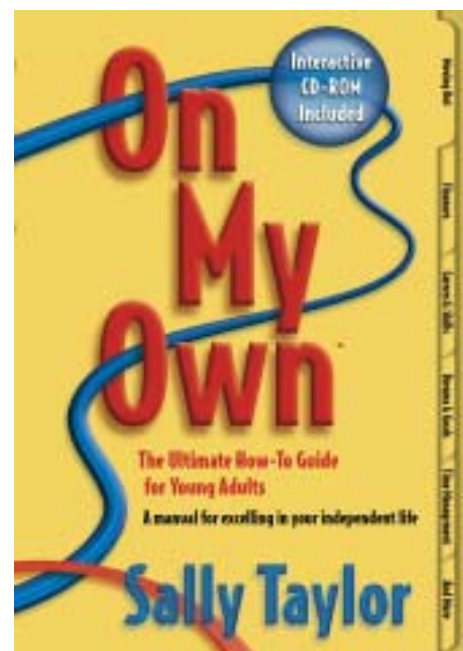
"What a great deal! This should be required reading for the young college-bound fledgling. The subjects and advice are right on the mark and the format makes for quick reference, or a very detailed and systematic approach to those early challenges that we've all faced. Where was this book when I needed it?"

~ Col. Mike O'Toole
190th Air Refueling Wing Commander

"On My Own was the graduation gift this year for all my high school and college graduates. I have even recommended that our church purchase one for each of our high school graduates. This is the first "how to" book of its kind that actually provides young adults with the tools to be successful adults. I would recommend it for every high school and college graduate."

~ Col. Deborah S. Rose
190th Support Group Commander

On My Own was written by a former Kansas Coyote. The author, Sally Taylor, was a member of the 190th from 1983 until 1992. Her last position was as a Public Affairs Specialist and editor of the Coyote Log. She also wrote the unit's yearbook following Desert Storm.



Services Flight “Detours” to Germany

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta
190th Public Affairs

Recently, 190th Air Refueling Wing members deployed to Europe for two weeks of active duty.

Seventeen members of the 190th Air Refueling Wing's Services Flight spent from June 15 to July 1, 2002, on active duty at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Ramstein is an active duty base, and its commander said he was impressed with the positive attitudes and willingness to work demonstrated by our Services people. “They can come back any time they want to,” he said.

Members visited surrounding German cities, and took day trips to Luxembourg and Paris, France when they were off duty.

Master Sgt. Brian Marney and two of his buddies took one such trip to Paris in an automobile.

“When we were returning home, we passed a sign which read ‘Detour’, in German. We didn’t take it because we didn’t know where it would lead,” he said.

Marney said that approximately four hours later, and having not yet reached Ramstein, they pulled over at a gas station to try to get directions.

“We spoke with a non-English speaking man who understood we were



Services Flight members enjoy some free time

The 190th Services Flight people worked twelve-hour shifts at Ramstein.

The majority of our Services people were assigned in the fitness centers where their duties included maintenance of the softball and soccer fields, repair of equipment, light maintenance duties and guest relations.

Those not in the fitness centers worked in the Flight Kitchen where they prepared ground and flight meals.

looking for Ramstein. He was laughing and he pointed way south on our map from where we were,” he said.

“We were about a half hour south of Switzerland,” said Marney.

He said they really had a great drive in the countryside, the only trouble, he said, was “It was dark, we didn’t see a (darn) thing.”

Ramstein’s Services Flight hosted a recognition dinner toward the end of the two weeks and awarded each 190th member a Letter of Appreciation.

Operation Mold-Removal



09/26/02 - OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFPN)

— Staff Sgt. Richard P. Zolnowski III, a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technician, checks the inside of an air conditioning duct for mold and excessive wear. The technician and his co-workers are replacing the worn plenums in airmen’s sleeping quarters to sustain good air quality. Plenums are magnets for condensation and over time can attract mold growth which can cause health problems. Zolnowski is assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips)

*Information provided by Dept. of Defense website
(www.dodlink.mil)*

Welcome to the 190th MPF: Customer Support

By Tech. Sgt. Tammy Wells

190th Personnel

Welcome to the 190th Customer Support, I am TSgt. Tammy Wells. I am your full-time personnel specialist. We have three traditional guardsmen to assist you on the UTA, MSgt. John Shoemaker, MSgt. Peggy Becker and SSgt. Martha Ryan. The customer support section of the MSF is the center for all personnel functions. We manage many programs and support others. Our main area of management is unit member personal information. If you move, change phone numbers, get married or divorced, have a baby or have a parent pass away we need to update your record. These changes could affect your ID card, your life insurance, your emergency data card and the alpha roster. Look for articles in upcoming Coyote Logs for more information on programs in the Customer Support Section.

Awards and decorations is a large program we manage. We process all

submissions and update the member's records. If you receive a decoration from any other branch of service, especially prior to enlisting with us, we need the orders for those awards to update your record; all other campaign awards can be updated from NGB 22s or DD 214s. Any documentation that you have will be helpful in updating your personnel record. You can find a listing of your awards and decorations on the Virtual MPF web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Your retirement point summary is another program we manage. This is a program that requires you to be familiar with the type of duty you do and when you did it. This is a computer-generated product, AF 526 that is input by humans, so errors can occur. You will receive an AF 526 every year, two months after your anniversary month. It is imperative that you review this for errors. If there are errors you must provide documentation as to the correct in-

formation and our office will forward it to Denver, HQ ARPC. Please remember it is easier to correct something within a year or two of the incorrect year than 10 years later. Many members usually do not have the information needed after years pass and this could cause a problem with retirement. You may not get to retire when you had originally thought.

Life insurance, do you need it, how much, and whom do you leave it to? Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Family Coverage, everyone should be aware of the programs, but do you have it? When someone enlists in the military they are offered \$250,000 in life insurance for the premium of \$20. The policy covers the member every day of the week, even if they are in traditional status. You can elect a reduced amount for \$.80 per \$10,000.

Retraining - Promotion Opportunities



Are you looking for a career change and promotion opportunity? If you are a SSgt or TSgt and are eligible for promotion to the next highest grade and can't be promoted because there are no positions available in your current career field, retraining to another career field may be the answer.

The Wing currently has several vacant TSgt and MSgt positions.

All of these positions require attendance at a mandatory Technical School followed by all required Upgrade Training. However, promotion to the next highest grade is available under the Retraining Promotion Program in ANGI 36-2502 prior to becoming fully qualified in your new career field.

If you are interested in taking

advantage of this opportunity, contact MSgt Jean Robinson in the Retention Office at ext 4712 to learn what positions are available and what has to be accomplished for you to retrain.





Name: SSgt Shawn Johnson

Organization: Maintenance Squadron - Electric Shop

Job title: Electro/Environmental Specialist

Civilian Job: Self-employed- renovating old houses for resale and/or leasing.

Currently on AGR tour working in the Quality Assurance Section.

Main Responsibilities: Working on KC135 Aircraft Electro/Environmental Systems

Education: Seaman High School 1995

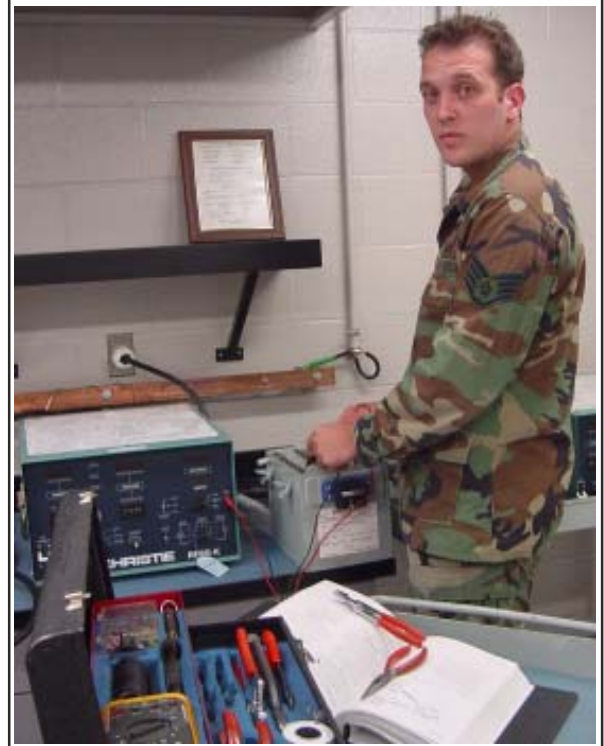
Washburn University 2002 BS - Psychology
Minor: Criminal Justice

Military Experience: Member of the 190th ARW since May 1997

Goals and Ambitions: To become a full time member of the 190th ARW (either as an officer or enlisted).

Hobbies and Activities: Enjoys working on old houses and coaching Little League Baseball

Most Memorable 190th moment: Deployment to Turkey with a day layover in England.



Jerod Molter, son of TSgt Mike Molter, receives the Young Hero Award.



Crazy Army Dude jumps from a perfectly "good" aircraft to get a good seat for the Family Freedom Day Events.



"Tanker Tug" participants get ready to pull a 175,000lb KC-135. The event benefitted Special Olympics of Northeast Kansas. Teams competed to see who could move the aircraft twelve feet in the shortest amount of time.



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Billie Duckworth, Maint



MSgt.

Thomas LaFountain, AGS



The 190th now has a Health and Fitness Committee.

If you are interested in being a member of the committee or have questions contact Capt. Sweeney at ext. 4675. Once a quarter, starting Oct UTA the 190th Services Flight will offer a more healthy-low fat meal. This is to remind members to eat healthy and give members a healthy choice for their meal.

**Retirement Party
For
MSgt Roy Corber**

Please join Roy and the Services Flight at 1500 on Saturday of the October UTA as they say goodbye to MSgt Roy Corber. Refreshments will be provided.

Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830

Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130

Catholic: 1345 - 1415

JOB OF THE MONTH

**SECURITY FORCES APPRENTICE
AFSC: 3P031**

MANDATORY: General Score - 35

No Evidence of Personality Disorder
No Record of Emotional Instability
Alien Ineligible
Ability to speak clearly and distinctly
No Speech Impediment
No Fear of Guns

TECH SCHOOL: Lackland AFB TX -
10 weeks, 4 day Ground Combat Skills
(Camp Bullis)

**Coyote Cafe Menu
Saturday October 19**

Main Line

Mahi Mahi Fillets
Oriental Vegetables
Wild Rice
Angel Food Cake
w/Strawberries

Short-Order Line

BBQ Riblet Beef Sandwiches
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Onion Rings

Sunday October 20

Main Line

KC Strip Steaks
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
w/bacon & onions
Asparagus
Garlic Bread
Pumpkin Pie
Cherry Pie

Short-Order Line

Chicken Strips
Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
Curly French Fries
Onion Rings

Hotel for October

Capital Plaza

*Remember to notify your
motel monitor if you will
need a room for Saturday
night!*

Coyote Comments...

What did you think of the 2002 Wings Over Topeka - Family Freedom Day?



*Senior Airman Chris Reese
190th Medical Squadron*

"I think things went great. It was a great opportunity for the community to see what the 190th is all about." Airman Reese enjoyed the Snowbirds and Thunderbirds most of all



*Technical Sgt. Dale Wright
190th LGS*

"The T-Birds were the best part of the airshow," said Wright. He also said that it was fun to see so many different kinds of planes.



*Staff Sgt. Marci Solander
190th LGS*

Solander said that she thought it was a great community event. "It was nice to see that the community supported us," she said. The Thunderbirds were her favorite part of the show



*1st Lt. Marcus Adinolfi
190th AGS*

In a word, "Awesome." Adinolfi said that he was impressed with the number of people that came out from the community. "The Security Forces personnel did a great job," said Adinolfi.

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